MECOSTA COUNTY 4-H BEEF PROJECT AREA

NOTEBOOK GUIDELINES

BEEF EDUCATIONAL NOTEBOOK # 1

Items A, B, C, and D are required for notebook #1

A. Decorative Cover
B. Title Page
C. Table of Contents and Notebook Guidelines
D. Place the year that you complete each page in the lower right corner of each page.

Level One (1) Beef notebook options:

Options #1 - First year complete 6 of the following items.
- Second year complete the remaining 6 items.

Option #2 - First year complete all 12 items.

Year
Completed

_____ 1. Describe and tell the important characteristics of (3) breeds of beef (may include dairy feeder breeds) Start with your own and (2) others. Include body type and breed standard.

_____ 2. Identify and label the parts of the beef. Diagram on page 2.

_____ 3. List the equipment/tack you will need to show a beef steer or dairy feeder.

_____ 4. Explain the following terms; registered, purebred and crossbred.

_____ 5. Define the term disqualification. Give examples of temporary and permanent disqualifications.

_____ 6. What two tags are market beef/dairy feeders required to have in order to show and why?

_____ 7. Describe the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of scours.

_____ 8. Explain the proper procedure when handling beef/dairy feeders. (tack used, your behavior and body placement, yours and projects)

_____ 9. Describe and draw a diagram of your housing area and the equipment you use in the care of your beef/dairy feeder. May use a photograph with your written explanation.

_____ 10. Describe your feed program, including the nutritional value breakdown of protein, fat and crude fiber.

_____ 11. Keep a record of your beef steer/dairy feeder and expenses incurred. Include in your notebook.

_____ 12. Include pictures of your beef steer/dairy feeder and awards you may have accomplished.
Parts of Beef

Word Bank

hoof  tail head  knee
pin  brisket  switch
dew claw  back  forearm
stifle joint  sheath/navel  hook
rump  rear flank  loin
cannon bone  point of shoulder  heart girth
crest  throat  face
dewlap  muzzle  ear
poll  pastern

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